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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The following is in response to the November 17, 2006, Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requests Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Invention I, claim 7, drawn to a method for producing a gas turbine, classified in class 29, subclass 889.21 for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claim 7 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (KAS-182-02).

Respectfully submitted,

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